

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Gordon Vance, on April 11, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gordon Vance, Chair (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch
Tia Stockton, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 39, 4/3/2017; SR 51, 4/3/2017

Executive Action: SR 39 - Be adopted
SR 51 - Be adopted
HB 562 - Be concurred in as amended

00:00:02 Chair Vance

00:00:46 Sen. Fitzpatrick assumed the role as chair.

HEARING ON SR 39

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:05 Sen. Gordon Vance (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SR 39, Confirm Governor's appointees to Transportation Commission.

Greg Jergeson

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:59 Greg Jergeson, appointee

00:02:36 Sen. Boland, Sen. Webb, and Sen. Gross entered the meeting.

00:04:16 Rep. Jacob Bachmeier, HD 28

00:04:51 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana, also speaking as a proponent for Dave Schulz and Barb Skelton

00:05:33 Sen. Pomnichowski entered the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Dave Schulz

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:57 Dave Schulz, appointee

00:08:34 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Barb Skelton

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:46 Barb Skelton, appointee

00:11:40 Tom Ebzery, representing himself

00:12:24 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:05 Sen. Brown
00:13:28 Ms. Skelton, self
00:14:10 Sen. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:29 Sen. Vance
00:14:35 Chair Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON SR 51

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:42 Sen. Gordon Vance (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SR 51, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Board of Aeronautics.

Bill Hunt, Jr.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:29 Debbie Alke, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), speaking on behalf of all the nominees

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Roger Lincoln

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Tricia McKenna

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Walter LeRoy McNutt

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:39 Greg Jergeson, representing himself
00:17:15 Tom Ebzery, representing himself, also speaking as a proponent for Jeff Wadekamper
00:18:26 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:19:01 Harold Blattie, representing himself

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Jeff Wadekamper

00:20:02 Jeff Wadekamper, appointee
00:20:46 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:55 Sen. Brown
00:22:11 Mr. Wadekamper, appointee
00:23:27 Sen. Brown
00:23:49 Mr. Wadekamper
00:24:21 Sen. Whitford
00:24:43 Ms. Alke, MDT
00:24:57 Sen. Whitford
00:25:05 Ms. Alke

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:30 Sen. Vance
00:25:47 Chair Fitzpatrick
00:25:52 Chair Vance assumed the role as chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 39

00:26:08 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SR 39 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 51

00:26:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SR 51 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:27:03 Chair Vance

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 562

00:27:40 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **HB 562 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**
(Amended on 4/4/2017)

EXHIBIT(his76a01)

Discussion:

00:27:46 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division

00:28:17 Sen. Buttrey

00:28:31 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:30:31 Sen. Gross

00:30:56 Sen. Whitford

00:32:05 Sen. Boland

00:32:43 Sen. Brown

00:33:16 Sen. Buttrey

00:34:12 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:35:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. Pomnichowski and Sen. R. Webb voting no. Sen. Blasdel will carry the bill.

Committee Business

00:35:42 Chair Vance

00:35:48 Sen. Buttrey

00:35:56 Chair Vance

00:36:07 Sen. Whitford

00:36:24 Sen. Gross

00:36:29 Chair Vance

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00:37:08 Chair Vance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 PM

Tia Stockton, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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